

The Church of St. Gerard Majella

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 2019

ADDRESS

9600 Regent Avenue North
Brooklyn Park, MN 55443-1499

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 am-5 pm
Friday: 9 am-1 pm
Saturday, Sunday: CLOSED

EUCCHARIST

Weekdays: 8:25 am
Saturday: 5 pm
Sunday: 8:30, 10:30 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 pm

WEBSITE: www.st-gerard.org



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Open Position - Dir. of Faith Formation

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All Are Welcome!

We are a Catholic community striving to love God and our neighbors. No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!



The Feast of St. Gerard Majella

Hearing Assistance Devices are available at the Sound Desk in the Church.
Low-Gluten hosts are available.
Please call the parish office for more information.

A NOTE FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

My brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

I was given a bio of Saint Gerard which we are celebrating his feast day this weekend. Saint Gerard Majella is our Patron Saint which means *the protecting or guiding saint of a person or place*. Please, together we ask Saint Gerard to intercede for us before God's glory as he was known for. Please read the article below about our Patron Saint.

Saint Gerard Majella

Gerard Majella was born in Muro Lucano (Potenza) on April 6, 1726, in a family of humble circumstances. From his parents, Gerard learned the love of prayer and sacrifice. When his father died, Gerard, being the only boy, had to provide for his family by working as a tailor. At the age of fourteen he sought to enter the Capuchin friary but he was rejected because of his delicate health. After a short time as the domestic servant of the bishop of Lacedonia, he returned to tailoring, but with minimal income.

In April of 1749, with utter tenacity, he succeeded in getting himself accepted by the Redemptorists who had preached a popular mission in Muro. After a trial period and a year of novitiate in the house at Deliceto, he made his religious profession on July 16, 1752. He was very observant of the rule, while at the same time going about the surrounding countryside to collect money for the material needs of the community. His presence to people, who were weighed down by poverty and illiteracy, and at the mercy of epidemics and crop failures, was seen as a sign of hope. Gerard had a deep empathy for them and gave to all a testimony to trust in the love and the compassion of God.

During his five years as a lay brother in the Congregation, he was remarkable for his apostolic zeal, his patience in sickness, his love for the poor, his deep humility in the face of false accusation, heroic obedience, his spirit of penance and his constancy in prayer. He wrote numerous letters of spiritual direction and a "Rule of Life". The Lord favored him with numerous spiritual gifts, among which were prophecy, the reading of people's hearts, and the gift of miracles. He died at Materdomini (Avellino) on October 16, 1755.

He was beatified by Leo XIII on January 29, 1893, and canonized by Pius X on December 11, 1904. Remembered among the people for his love for them, he is especially invoked as patron for mothers, particularly in time of pregnancy and for their infants.

Saint Gerard pray for us!
Rev. Joseph-Quoc Vuong

HAPPY FEAST OF ST. GERARD!

Please join us this weekend for:

- a blessing after Masses for all mothers, mothers-to-be, those wanting to become mothers, and those who have lost a child;
- the KC pancake breakfast after both the 8:30 and 10:30am Masses on Sunday, October 20.

2019 ADVENT TEA

Save the Date! "Heart and Hands" Advent Tea 2019 will be held on Sunday, **November 24**, from 2:00-4:00pm. All are invited and welcome to attend! Watch for more information to come on the website, parish app, facebook page, and in the bulletin.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Thanks to everyone who was able to join us for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, celebrated last Wednesday (The Feast of St. Gerard). It was a wonderful celebration of the sacrament followed by a delicious lunch, served by our St. Gerard staff and parish council. There will be another Mass/lunch event for Anointing of the Sick in the spring of 2020. Please watch for more information in the bulletin, facebook page, website and on the parish app.

ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

Join us as we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation, on Friday, **November 1**, with Masses at 8:30am and 7:00pm. Also, we will celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on Saturday, **November 2**, at 10:00am Mass. If you have lost a loved one within the last year and would like to acknowledge them with a candle during the procession, please contact the Parish Office at 763-424-8770.

OFFRENDA/ALTAR OF THE DEAD

St. Gerard's will once again host pictures of our beloved dead that will be placed around the baptismal font from **November 1-23**. Please join us in the custom that we share with our sisters and brothers at San Rafael by sharing a 4x6 framed photo with your name and contact information on the back. (Photos can be dropped off at the parish office.) Please also consider taking time to enter into the Book of Remembrance in front of the baptismal font the names of your loved ones who have passed away.

WEEKEND BULLETINS & HOMILIES ARE ONLINE!

Visit our website (www.st-gerard.org) or FREE parish mobile app (search for "St Gerard Majella" in the app store) to read the bulletin or listen to the weekend homily. Also check out current parish events, online giving, and ways to get involved in the parish!

EXPLORING MIGRATION: A FAITH JOURNEY

Our Migration Module, "Exploring Migration: A Faith Journey", has moved into the fourth week. We have been looking at migration from multiple viewpoints and each time we look at our own experience of contact with people from other countries. Our spiritual exercise asked us to go to a site for the World Council of Churches and has us pray for people from all over the globe. Check it out and pray for others around the world: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/prayer-cycle>

LOAVES & FISHES



On the fourth Friday of each month St. Gerard's prepares, transports, and serves a meal at St. Stephen's in Minneapolis to people in need. The serving team serves from 5:00 - 7:00pm at St. Stephen's School Building (2123 Clinton Ave S, Minneapolis, 55404). Sign up to help serve on the easel in the Gathering Space. We need between 15 to 20 people to best assist this ministry. Sign up and support this wonderful ministry! Our next date is Friday, **October 25**. Contact Karen Brenteson at 763-561-7411 with questions.

SHARING AND CARING HANDS



St. Gerard's prepares and serves a lunch at Sharing and Caring Hands every 1st Saturday of the month. Our next date is Saturday, **November 2**. No need to sign up, just come on Saturday morning at 9:00am to St. Gerard's kitchen and help prepare the food. Then at 10:50am help pack up the food, take it to Sharing and Caring Hands on 7th Street (Minneapolis), and help serve at 11:30am. Call John at 763-561-3841 with any questions.

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS PROJECT

What's new with St. Gerard's Youth Homelessness Project? A team of helpers from the Youth Homelessness Project at St. Gerard's will be at Brooklyn Avenues on select Saturday mornings this winter from 10:00 to noon to complete a cleaning project. Brooklyn Avenues is a 12-bed, short-term housing program for homeless youth located in the City of Brooklyn Park. The program provides safe and stable shelter and transitional housing with intensive support services for homeless youth ages 16 to 21 from the northwestern suburbs. If you are interested in getting involved in this or any of the Youth Homelessness Project activities, please contact the parish office at 763-424-8770. The ministry meets on the second Monday of the month here at St. Gerard's. All are welcome to attend and get involved!



FAITH FORMATION 2019-2020

Faith Formation classes have officially begun for 2019-2020. Classrooms have been cleaned and prepared for our youth, catechists/volunteers have been commissioned, students have been blessed, and parent and child kick-offs for grades 1-5, EDGE, and Confirmation have been celebrated. We are ready to grow in our Catholic Faith! Thanks St. Gerard's!

ST. G'S KIDS NEW START DATE - OCT 27

St. G's Kids (for pre-K and kindergarten) has a new start date! It will begin on Sunday, **October 27** during the 10:30am Mass. We are very EXCITED to begin!

SMALL GROUP LEADER STILL NEEDED!!

We still need one more small group leader for Faith Formation classes. A leader is needed for Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm, for a 7th grade/EDGE group. All that is required to be a small group leader is a desire to share your faith. (Session plans are ready and easy to follow.) Sign up to volunteer on the website or call the parish office at 763-424-8770.

FAITH FORMATION

Attention Faith Formation families! There will be no Faith Formation Classes on Sunday, **October 20** due to MEA. This includes St. G's Kids, EDGE, and Confirmation. Please call the parish office at 763-424-8770, if you have any questions. Thank you!

ST. GERARD'S PRAYER

To love God much.
Always united to God.
To do all for God.
To conform myself entirely
to His holy will.



Announcements

WELCOME TO ST. GERARD'S!

If you are visiting St. Gerard's today and would like more information about the parish or how to become a member, please stop by the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space, pick up a new member info packet, and sign our guest registry. You can also visit the "I Am New" tab of our website (www.st-gerard.org) or app ("St Gerard Majella" in the app store)! And check out our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/churchofsaintgerard/>)! Thank you for worshipping with us today!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN



Remember that baby bottle you picked up last week? Keep filling it with coins, cash or checks payable to the Robbinsdale Women's Center. Don't forget to bring all bottles back to church with you next weekend (**October 26, 27**) so we can return them to the Center!

ST. GERARD'S MEN'S SOCIAL NIGHT

All men in our parish are invited to the first annual Men's Social Night on **October 22** at 7:00pm in St. Francis Hall. St. Gerard's, in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus, welcomes you to enjoy an evening together to socialize, build a stronger and more vibrant parish, and grow in our Catholic faith. Beer, wine and finger foods will be served.

SCOUT WREATH FUNDRAISER

Scout Troop 575 has begun its Wreath Fundraiser and is looking for your support! Scouts will be selling wreaths before and after Masses on Saturday, **October 26**, and Sunday, **October 27**. Visit the table in the atrium to order wreaths. Thanks for your support!

CHRISTMAS - A TIME TO REMEMBER

The St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery Committee is selling wreaths to place on the gravesite of your loved one. The wreaths are 25" natural balsam fir with a red bow, pine cones and silver accent spray. The cost is \$35 which includes the stand and wreath, placing the wreath on the gravesite, and discarding the wreath. Order forms can be found at www.saintvdp.org or by calling the St Vincent parish office at 763-425-2210. Orders due by October 31.

HOLY SPIRIT ACADEMY HARVEST BANQUET

Holy Spirit Academy invites you to our 7th Annual Harvest Banquet on Friday, **November 15**, at the Minneapolis Marriott Northwest. Enjoy an evening of fellowship, music, good food, and great speakers! **Fr. John Klockeman** is our keynote speaker. Ticket price is \$70/person through November 1 and can be purchased at www.holyspiritacademy.org or 763-220-2402.

EASY GIVING FOR ST. GERARD'S!

- **Website:** www.st-gerard.org GIVE page
- **Mobile App:** GIVE page
- **QR Code:** scan the QR Code (inside flap of the bulletin)
- **Auto Withdrawal:** Contact the parish office at 763-424-8770

Thank you for your continued support!

This Week at St. Gerard's

INTENTIONS

M-F 8:25 AM - Eucharist, Liturgy of Hours

TUE 9:00 AM - Perpetual Help Devotion

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

8:25 am - Communion Service

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:25 am - Richard Potvin †

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

10:30 am -

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

8:25 am - Jessica Johnson †

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:25 am -

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

5:00 pm - Parish Families

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:30 am - Susan Salzl

10:30 am - Parish Families

PARISH EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

6:30 pm - Just Faith - Migration Module

7:30 pm - Scouts Troup 575 Meeting

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

9:00 am - Perpetual Help Devotion

9:15 am - Womens Prayer/Support Group

7:00 pm - Men's Social Night (KC)

7:30 pm - Regent AA

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

9:00 am - Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm - FF: 1-5 grade

7:00 pm - Music Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00 am - Loaves & Fishes Bread Buttering

10:00 am - Cornerstone Scripture Study

6:00 pm - Centering Prayer

7:00 pm - Sister Parish Meeting

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:30 am - Loaves & Fishes Prep

5:00 pm - Loaves & Fishes at St. Stephens

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

4:00 pm - Scouts Selling Wreaths

4:00 pm - Individual Confessions

4:30 pm - Rosary in the Church

5:00 pm - Eucharist

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:00 am - Scouts Selling Wreaths

8:30 am - Eucharist

8:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am - Eucharist

10:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:30 am - FF: St. G's Kids

6:00 pm - FF: EDGE & Confirmation



PLEASE PRAY for the sick and ailing members of our parish community, and all those in our Parish Prayer Book.

Also remember those loved ones who have died, especially:

Jim May

OCTOBER 27, 2019

30th Sunday OT

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18

2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18

LK 18:9-14

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office to schedule a date and register for the preparation class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00 pm or any time by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office at least six months prior to the desired date.



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